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Applicant : Friedhelm Beckmann
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Examiner : Shalie A. Manlove
Title : Hollow Section with Internal Reinforcement and Method of
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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

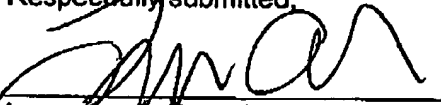
An election/restriction requirement was issued on March 7, 2005 for the above-identified patent application.

In a telephone conversation with Jerry Lorengo, the SPE for Examiner Shalie Manlove, during the week of March 21, 2005, counsel questioned the relevance of the before-mentioned Office action. SPE Lorengo agreed with counsel's objections and stated that the communication issued on March 7, 2005 would be withdrawn and replaced with a new Office action.

This letter shall confirm the agreement, as outlined above, and counsel's understanding that the Shortened Statutory Period of one month is no longer in effect.

Counsel, respectfully, requests SPE Lorengo's telephone call if the above does not correctly reflect the interview during the week of March 21, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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